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Trump Nullifies NASA Unions; GESTA Says Its Union is Strong

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

A Save NASA booth at the Festival Information Day was staffed by NASA union (GESTA) representatives who asked everyone to advocate for NASA's future.

Just ahead of Labor Day, President Trump took aim at NASA and a handful of other federal agencies' unions, seeking to nullify them through Executive Order (EO). It comes at a time of mass layoffs and deferred resignations. The EO, signed August 28, represents "the largest rollback of labor protections for NASA's employees in

history," according to the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) advocacy group NASA Needs Help. The EO argues that collective bargaining agreements limit agencies' abilities to modify policies promptly and union bargaining "can delay the implementation of time-sensitive national

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Everybody Who Is Anybody Hits the Market on a Sunday

by Cathie Meetre



PHOTO BY KARL GARY

Shoppers enjoy themselves on a sunny summer day at the Farmers Market.

The dog days of summer are behind us and scorching days are giving way to the enjoyable warmth of early fall. Summer may have passed but take heart, the Farmers Market is still in full swing. After a one week break for the Labor Day Festival, the Farmers Market continues on Sundays in the parking lot between Roosevelt Center and the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Millennial Initiative, Historic Roots

Born in June 2008 under the auspices of a small group of then 30-somethings, it was the

local flowering of a concept that brought together fresh food and old friends, community and enterprise. It survived the trauma of the Covid period and continues to win its annual bout with the county's Department of Permits, Inspections and Enforcement. Perhaps this resilience is not surprising since the earliest markets known date from over 5,000 years ago in Egypt and formal chartered markets are recorded in Europe from the 12th century – surviving plagues, war and pestilence that make Covid look like a piece of cake.

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Robert Goldberg-Strassler Named Greenbelt's 2025 Outstanding Citizen

by Joan Estenson

Following a moment of silence for past City Manager James Giese and other past Outstanding Citizens who are no longer with us, Outstanding Citizen Committee Chair Robert Zugby drew out the suspense as long as possible before he introduced this year's Outstanding Citizen.

"One of the important characteristics of all our outstanding citizens is their role as exemplars for the rest of us – that we may be inspired to follow in their footsteps. Indeed, regarding this year's Outstanding Citizen, many of us have already been doing that," Zugby said, referring to his many accomplishments.

"Welcome to my worst nightmare," Goldberg-Strassler said when he got up to speak. In an interview he explained that as an introvert he doesn't like public speaking, and there he was, speaking to hundreds. That they were friends and neighbors didn't make it any easier.

For not being comfortable speaking publicly, Goldberg-Strassler's talk was inspirational. He read a thought-provoking statement from Amma, the Hugging Saint, which he carries with him



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Outstanding citizens (standing, from left) Maggie Cahalan (2022), Paul Downs (2017), Sylvia Lewis (2011), Shaymar Higgs (2021), Mary Lou Williamson (1985), Gregory Fisanich (2018), Konrad Herling (2001), Lore Rosenthal and Michael Hartman (both 2019) and (seated) John Henry Jones (2012) present the Outstanding Citizen Trophy (a replica of the Mother and Child Statue) to (lying down) Robert Goldberg-Strassler, the 2025 Outstanding Citizen.

on an index card.

"May the tree of our lives be rooted in the soil of love, may good deeds be the leaves, kind words be the flowers and peace be the fruit. May the world flourish as one family, united in love. May we thus be able to create a world in which peace

and contentment prevail."

Goldberg-Strassler said, "Kindness is a verb, and it's relevant. Everyone can figure their own ways to do it."

Goldberg-Strassler listed several organizations and

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Council Addresses Financial Scenarios, Admin Processes

by Matthew Arbach

At the Greenbelt City Council worksession on August 6, a draft of a staff letter to be included in the city's final budget book as well as in response to a Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) requirement was presented to council by City Manager Josué Salmerón. It specifies two possible five-year financial scenarios. Both acknowledge real estate taxes as being the city's highest income source, with all income sources increased by 1 to 6 percent. Yet, in the first scenario, the city's expenditures for the nine city departments were increased, while those in the second scenario were lowered.

Some of the factors assessed were: the cost of the new police union contract and the cost of the standard salary, as affected by cost-of-living and merit increases, and inflation.

A draft letter from council to residents was examined as well. It is a recap of the newly adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget. It states that the budget is \$40.1M, with an increase of 5.6 percent from the FY 2025 budget, with no increase in the property tax

rate. Some of the highlights were maintaining of core city services; the continued funding and implementing of projects through use of \$22.88M in American Rescue Plan Act funds; a new four-year union agreement with the police department; drafting the Vision Zero Plan, which hopes to curtail traffic injuries and deaths; expanding EV infrastructure throughout the city; enhancing

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What Goes On

Monday, September 8
7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, September 10
7:30 p.m., Special Meeting/Closed Session

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.



PHOTO BY TOM JONES

Some of the members and supporters of Greenbelt Honk! Situation pose with the replica World-famous Utility Pole they created to carry with them in the Parade. See more photos and the list of Parade winners on page 12.

Letters to the Editor

Congrats!

Congratulations to the organizers of the fresh new 2025 Labor Day Festival. I was impressed at the efforts at inclusion. I saw more attendees using wheelchairs and scooters than I ever have in previous years.

The bands were excellent. It was nice to hear music new to me of such caliber.

Overall I thought the Festival was much better than in years before. There seemed to be more vendors and a better selection of them. I loved the triple chocolate cookies!

Kudos also to the Rosedale employees who kept the grounds of the event free of trash.

Cindy Allen

At the High Noon of Life: Finding my Place in Greenbelt

I am new to Greenbelt. I moved here recently from Flor-

ida, bringing with me the sense of being in the “high noon” of life that many of us in our 20s experience. We are old enough to shape our futures, yet young enough to still be searching for meaning. Beauty and youth are fleeting, so it feels important to ask: how do we make the most of this moment in a way that fulfills us and also strengthens the place we call home? Arriving in Greenbelt, I was struck by how different it feels from other cities. There is a sense of shared life here – festivals in Roosevelt Center, music in the park, art exhibits at the Community Center, neighbors who greet one another. These may seem ordinary, but to someone just arriving, they feel extraordinary. They show that community can still thrive in an age when so many are disconnected and isolated. Greenbelt gives newcomers like me the chance to enjoy life’s richness

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A Little Prayer (R)
(CC) (DVS) (2025) (91 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:30 PM
Sun. 4:30 PM
Tues. 6:00 PM
Thurs. 5:30 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 8:00 PM
Mon. 3:00 PM
Wed. 8:00 PM

Weapons (R)
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Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 8:00 PM
Sun. 7:00 PM
Wed. 7:30 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 5:00 PM
Mon. 5:30 PM
Tues. 7:45 PM
Thurs. 7:30 PM

The Roses (R)
(CC) (DVS) (2025) (105 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 5:15 PM, 7:45 PM
Mon. 2:45 PM (OC), 5:15 PM
Tues. 8:15 PM
Thurs. 7:45 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:45 PM, 8:15 PM
Sun. 4:15 PM, 6:45 PM
Mon. 2:45 PM
Wed. 5:30 PM

Tel Visa
(NR) (2025) (154 mins)
Nepali Film Series, Nepali with English Subtitles
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 1:00 PM

PETE REPERT



True PATRIOTS know it is disrespectful to toss a flag that is tattered, abused, faded, or distressed into the trash and it should instead be destroyed in a FLAG BURNING CEREMONY as established by the American Legion in 1937.

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The News Review reserves the right not to publish any letter submitted. Letters are considered accepted when published.

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All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.

In an election year, the News Review will not print a letter raising a new issue the week prior to election day, when no other party would have a chance to respond.

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City Council Election 2025

What Do You Want to Ask The City Council Candidates?

Once again the city is preparing to elect the members of its city council, the leaders who will make decisions and guide the community for the next two years.

To help our readers assess the candidates and make the important decision of whom to vote for, prior to each city council election the News Review poses questions to the candidates and publishes their responses. This year we will ask questions both in the News Review and in a candidate forum we are co-sponsoring with Greenbelt Access Television on October 9. We at the News Review have some ideas of what issues we want the candidates to weigh in on, but perhaps members of the community have concerns we have not thought of.

So, in the interest of transparency and inclusion we ask our readers: what do you want to ask the candidates for city council?

The News Review board will review submissions and our own suggestions and select three questions to print. The printed answers must be 150 words or less. At the candidate forum, candidates will have time limits for their answers, allowing all candidates equal time to speak. So there will be a limit to the number of questions that can be asked.

Email your suggested questions to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com by Monday, September 22, with Candidate Questions in the subject line.

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

A Little Prayer

A loving father (David Strathairn) grapples with how to protect his daughter-in-law (Jane Levy) when he discovers that his son is having an affair. A heart-tugging drama about finding kindred spirits in unexpected places, the film is a sensitive and searching portrait of a Southern family. “A movie about a family in deep disarray. But the writer-director, Angus MacLachlan, is not one to exploit turmoil. He understands that people in distress are deserving of our fullest understanding,” said critic Peter Rainer of Christian Science Monitor.

Weapons

When all but one child from the same class mysteriously vanish on the same night at exactly the same time, a community is left questioning who or what is behind their disappearance. Said critic Bill Goodykoontz of the Arizona Republic, “This is definitely a horror movie, increasingly by the minute. It’s also really funny – in places – and the finale combines horror and comedy in a way that doesn’t cheapen either one.”

The Roses

Life seems easy for picture-perfect couple Ivy (Olivia Colman) and Theo (Benedict Cumberbatch): successful careers, a loving marriage, great kids. But beneath the façade of their supposed ideal life, a storm is brewing: as Theo’s career nosedives while Ivy’s own ambitions take off, a tinderbox of fierce competition and hidden resentment ignites. The film is a reimagining of the 1989 classic film The War of the Roses, based on the novel by Warren Adler.

Tel Visa

The journey of two generations of a Nepali family as they navigate life in both America and Nepal.

Obituaries

Roger Evans



Roger Evans

Roger Milton Evans, age 84, died peacefully in his sleep on Monday, August 18, 2025 at Seasons Memory Care in San Antonio, Tex. Roger was born on January 27, 1941, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Yet the city Roger called home for much of his life was Greenbelt, where he grew up, met his late wife, Judith, and returned to live out his later years until he moved for health reasons. Roger lived a full and accomplished life rooted in service, innovation and faith.

Roger served honorably in the United States Navy from 1960 to 1964, specializing in communications. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, he was stationed near Cuba and played a pivotal role in identifying and reporting missile activity – a moment that underscored his dedication and sense of duty. Following his military service, Roger built a distinguished career in aerospace and defense. He contributed to the Apollo space flight systems while working with NASA, Lockheed and Vitro, and later oversaw the development and quality control of major defense initiatives, including the SOW, Tomahawk and Patriot missile systems.

In 2007, at a time when most people with two pensions would remain retired, Roger launched his own company – Evans Associates – employed a handful of qualified government contracting professionals and provided quality assurance, systems engineering and related services including preparing and establishing ISO and other certifications for companies seeking eligibility for NASA/DOD contracts.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Roger was deeply devoted to his faith, family and community. He served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Greenbelt Baptist Church and found joy in simple passions – collecting coins and stamps and enjoying weekly fellowship with his ROMEOs (Rowdy Old Men Eating Out) Club.

Roger will be remembered for his sharp intellect, warm sense of humor, steadfast faith and deep love for his family. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the missions he supported and the memories his family will carry forward with pride.

Roger was predeceased by his parents, Milton Rutherford Evans Jr. and Dorothy Edna Rodgers, and by his wife, Judith Evans. He is survived by his sister, Donna Jean Evans (Edward Slivken); his son, Jack Evans (Nora); his daughter, Terri Jacobson (Jake); his son Edward Evans (Cindi); and his beloved grandchildren Blake, Clinton (Sharon), Jessica, Travis and Justin.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 7 at 5 p.m. at Porter Loring Mortuary North, 2102 N. Loop 1604 E.,

San Antonio, TX 78232. Interment will follow on Monday, September 8 at 10:45 a.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or the Alzheimer’s Association, two causes close to Roger’s heart.

Celebration of Life For Jim Giese

A celebration of life service for former city manager and longtime Greenbelt resident Jim Giese will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church on Friday, September 5 (Jim’s birthday) at 11 a.m. Following the service, there will be a luncheon held at the Greenbelt Fire Station.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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September 7, 2025, at 3 p.m.

Gathering Our Spirits

Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Jacqui Walpole

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Streaming on PBUUC’s Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD



Our condolences to the family, friends and former fellow parishioners of Roger Evans, longtime Greenbelt resident and mainstay of the Greenbelt Baptist Church.

Thank you to the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, all the city staff and the volunteers who made this year’s Festival such a success.

Congratulations to Robert Goldberg-Strassler, the 2025 Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen.

Congratulations to Lindsey Hutchinson, who received the 2025 Boxwood Village Civic Association Scholarship Award.

Congratulations to Greenbelt resident Greg Holcomb on his new job as city manager of Oberlin, Ohio. He was previously Colmar Manor town administrator here in Prince George’s County.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



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Exodus 20:2-3

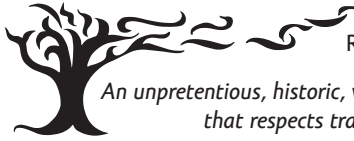


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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 8 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Reading of the Greenbelt Community Pledge
Petitions and Requests
Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
-Approval of Special Event and One-Time Suspension of Fire Code Requirements for Pumpkin Walk Event - 2025
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations
- **Peace Month Proclamation**
- **Let's Beat Breast Cancer Proclamation**
* **Minutes**
Administrative Reports
* **Committee Reports**
* **Advisory Committee on Education - Report #25-3 - Charter Report**
* **Advisory Committee on Education Report #25-4 - Scholarship Donation 2025**

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Implement "Save As You Throw" (SAYT) Program and Adjust Solid Waste Collection Fees; *-2nd Reading and Adoption*
- An Ordinance to make a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Resident Composting Services Program *-1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading, Adoption*

OTHER BUSINESS

- Approval of Agreement to Sell Compost Outpost Equipment to Compost Crew
- Authorize City Manager to Execute Contract for Composting Services
- Authorization for City Manager to Purchase New Fitness Equipment for the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
- CRAB Recommendation Report for the Community Questionnaire
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
* Meetings
* Stakeholders
* Resignation/Appointment to Advisory Board

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This agenda is subject to change. For the most up-to-date agenda, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV or call (301) 474-8000.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 7 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building: 1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to discuss the City Manager's Evaluation.

** The public may attend the Special Council Meeting of the City Council immediately before the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.*

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Deputy City Clerk

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 8-12

Monday, September 8 at 7:30, **NO MEETING - LABOR DAY**

Tuesday, Septembe 9 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, *On the Agenda: Continue Discussion of Possible Tree Tour as Part of Fall Fest 2025, Review Wording for the Plaque to be Placed Closed to Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Tree Near the Community Center and Library*

Wednesday, September 10 at 7 pm, **SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION - CITY MANAGER'S EVALUATION**

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CURRENT GAIL PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs **FREE** of charge. For more information, email Brendy Maddox at bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov or (202) 670-6497.

- FALL PREVENTION CAMPAIGN KICK OFF EVENT.** Th, 9/25, 1-3 pm. Premiere & Film Screening of "Saving Claire" and panel discussion with experts in fall prevention and senior care. Register at <https://forms.gle/BsjhsdWeXo6AKYRo8>.
- OPEN COMPUTER LAB FOR ADULTS** 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Weekly sign-up required.
- DEMENTIA WEBINARS** 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/13 at 7 pm on Zoom.
- FREE MONTHLY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION.** Greenbelt Residents Only. First time participants must provide proof of residency, state-issued ID, birth certificate (or copy) for each child.
- AGING SOLO.** Sept 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 1-2:30pm on Zoom. Learn to set priorities, build your support network, and put your plans into action.

GREENBELT ELECTION INFORMATION

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

DATES & DEADLINES: 2025 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

☒ First day to receive papers and file nomination petition	8/18
Last day to file nomination petition (by 5pm)	9/22
Date of drawing for placement on ballot – 7pm	9/22
First Interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12pm)	9/26
First day to send out mail-in ballots	10/3
Last day to register to vote (must be received by 4:30pm Upper Marlboro)	10/6
Second Interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12pm)	10/24
Early Voting begins .	11/1-11/2
Training session for Election Judges and Clerks	11/3
Election 7am-8pm	11/4
Mail-in ballots must be received by 6pm	11/4
Final Contributions & Expenditures Report (12pm)	11/7
Charter Meeting for swearing-in at 7:30pm	11/10

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

VOTER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Great News: Non-Citizen Residents Can Vote in the 2025 Greenbelt City Council Election by Registering with the City Clerk!

Greenbelt residents are reminded that to participate in the 2025 City Council election - whether as a voter, a candidate for City Council, or a signer of a petition for a candidate - you must be registered to vote. U.S. citizens must be qualified and registered to vote in Prince George's County. Non-citizen residents of Greenbelt may also participate by registering to vote with the City Clerk or by accessing the non-citizen voter registration forms available on the City's website.

To register, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America or Non-citizen of Greenbelt
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration
- Have completed any court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, parole, or probation if convicted of a felony
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability

For information about registering to vote in Prince George's County, contact the County Board of Elections at (301) 430-8020 or visit www.elections.state.md.us. Forms for voter registration for non-citizens are available on the city website, Voter Registration | Greenbelt, MD.

All registration forms must be submitted by the deadlines: citizen voter forms to the Prince George's County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro by 4:30 pm on Monday, October 6, and non-citizen voter forms to the Greenbelt City Clerk's Office by 4:30 pm on Wednesday, October 15.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk by phone at (301) 474-8000 or elections@greenbeltmd.gov.

*If you are already registered to vote in Prince George's County but have moved or changed your name since the last election, you must complete an application to have this information changed. **This can also be done online at www.elections.state.md.us.*

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

NOMINATIONS FOR 2025 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

In accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter, a regular election will be held in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, to elect the seven members of the City Council.

Any qualified voter of the City may be nominated for the office of Member of Council upon filing a nomination petition with the City Clerk (signed by not fewer than 50 Greenbelt resident voters), a written acceptance of the nomination, and other statements that are required by the City Charter or by law. Required forms and information are available at 25 Crescent Road, beginning Monday, August 18, from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM MONDAY, AUGUST 18 THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025.

For additional information, call Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000, or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

FEATURED PET - FLOWER

Ready for Adoption? Call (301) 474-6124.

3-month-old Flower was brought to the shelter by a Good Samaritan and is looking for a home to bloom in. Flower has a ridiculously soft, fluffy coat and a sweet and silly personality. He's also ridiculously cute! Flower is a rambunctious kitten with lots of energy and would love to go to a home with a playful cat to romp around with.

If you're interested in adopting fabulous Flower, call us at (301) 474-6124 or email animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov!



UPCOMING NATURE EVENTS

Gardening Get Togethers. Every Wednesday through October, 10am-12pm. *Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent.* Join City Staff and Community Members as we work to maintain the Pollinator Gardens at Buddy Attick Park! Activities will include mulching, weeding, and planting native perennial species. [Sign-up](#) here.

Birding 101. Saturday, September 6, 7:30-9:30 am, *Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent.* Have you ever wanted to try birding but don't know where to begin? We will go over keys to bird identification, choosing and using binoculars, as well as using different mobile apps in the field. [Sign-up](#) today!

National Public Lands Day. Saturday, September 27, 10am-1pm. *Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent.* Join the City of Greenbelt's Department of Public Works and Park Rangers as we care for and celebrate the public lands we share! [Sign-up](#) here.

Questions & comments to kdriccoll@greenbeltmd.gov or (240) 542-2168.

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.



COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Committee on Trees, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Charter Review Task Force, Community Relations Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, or Youth Advisory Committee** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

ARTS HAPPENINGS

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts for more information and many other opportunities!

Sign up for ARTFANS, a weekly e-newsletter, at www.greenbeltmd.gov/list.aspx.

September Artful Afternoons.
9/7, 1-3pm, *Buddy Attick Lake Park* and 9/14, 1:30-2:30pm, *Springhill Lake Recreation Center.* Join Greenbelt Recreation Arts and the Greenbelt Park Rangers for a nature themed photo scavenger hunt. More information and sign up at sugeni.us/eZ8v, and use the tabs at the top to view both dates.

Learn to Stitch Workshops.
9/15 & 9/22, 6-7:30pm, *Greenbelt Community Center.* Make a quilted potholder inspired by Japanese sashiko while learning basic hand stitching. Kits available. Learn more at greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- **Sparkle Mart Vendor Applications Close Soon**
9/12. More information: www.greenbeltmd.gov/482/Sparkle-Mart.
- **Parents Night Out Greenbelt Community Center** Upcoming dates: 9/12, 9/26, 10/10)
- **Art Studio Open House & Sale** *Greenbelt Community Center* 10/5, 1-4pm.

LET'S DANCE! LINE DANCING Saturday, September 6 at 6 pm

Come out and line dance at Roosevelt Center! Line dancing instructor, Mayra Morgan-Martin, will lead us as we learn steps and dance our hearts out!

GRANDPARENTS DAY AT THE PARK Sunday, September 7 at 6 pm

Celebrate National Grandparents Day with fun activities at Buddy Attick Park. Enjoy a scavenger hunt nature walk around Buddy Attick Park or sign up for kayaking!

For more information, contact Priya Gardner Lemieux at (240) 542-2056, pgardner@greenbeltmd.gov.

PINK PANTRY

The Pink Pantry provides free menstrual products to Greenbelt residents, including pads, tampons, and wipes from trusted brands like Cora, Always, Rael, HoneyPot, and more!

To receive these products, register by contacting Brendy Garcia at (202) 670-6497 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In the City of Greenbelt, we remain committed to embracing and celebrating the diversity of all. As our nation undergoes change, feelings of pride, uncertainty, and even fear may arise. Yet, we stand firm in the pledge that has defined Greenbelt since its inception and will not falter.

Learn more at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/known-your-rights-immigration-resources>.

A majority (or quorum) of Greenbelt City Council members may attend community organization meetings, but no official Council action will be taken at these meetings. Please note that meeting locations may change after being published. For information on how to join these meetings, contact the respective organization directly.

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individuals that have inspired him. These include The SPACE Free Art for All, CHEARS and now Save BARC along with the late individuals Councilmember Ric Gordon, Kap Kapistan of Beltway Plaza owner Quantum Corporation and Michael Repole of Three Brothers restaurant.

At the end of his speech he led the audience in a sing-along of We Shall Overcome.

Mayor Emmett Jordan read a proclamation from the city that said, in part, “Robert Goldberg-Strassler is devoted to uplifting the community and safeguarding the essence that makes Greenbelt a truly exceptional place to call home.”

Attending the Opening Ceremonies were Maryland Legislative District 22 Delegation Senator Alonzo Washington and Delegates Anne Healey, Nicole Williams and Ashanti Martinez and Prince George’s County District 4 Councilmember Ingrid Watson. Washington and Watson each presented a proclamation.

Goldberg-Strassler has volunteered in many areas of the community, benefitting residents of all ages. He founded Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) in 2017.

In 2019 RUAK began sponsoring the HUG Walks (Help Unite Greenbelt With A Little Kindness). The RUAK website says, “[C]onceived as an antidote to the ongoing divisiveness and frayed social fabric being experienced in our country,” HUG Walks allow “a public demonstration of unity and community strength,” needed even more now than at its founding.

Environment

Goldberg-Strassler created the



Outstanding Citizen Robert Goldberg-Strassler speaks at the Opening Ceremony. Behind him, from left, are City Councilmembers Amy Knesel, Kristen Weaver, Jenni Pompei, Silke Pope, Rodney Roberts, Danielle McKinney (obscured), State Delegate Ashanti Martinez (and other state and county representatives, obscured), Mayor Emmett Jordan and Outstanding Citizen Committee Chair Bob Zugby.

added later for Greenbelters who are interested in PORCH but lack a coordinator for their court or neighborhood.

As the city proclamation says, “Robert has embraced leadership roles with passion, serving as president and social action chair of the Mishkan Torah Congregation” and volunteering at Greenbelt’s monthly food distributions, the Red Cross and the National Park Service as

Greenbelt Ploggers, who jog or walk while picking up litter.

He volunteered at a stream cleanup project for Springhill Lake Elementary third and fourth graders this spring.

Education and Literacy

RUAK’s Uplift Literacy program distributes books to children throughout Greenbelt. In October 2022 they began the bilingual Pre-K Story Hour at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center for children ages newborn to 5. RUAK was given the Jim Cassels Award in 2023 and used the money to support the story hour.

He used his volunteer time at Cookies on the Bridge to publicize, and encourage students to participate in, Learn 2 Earn, a youth workforce development program.

Food Insecurity

Goldberg-Strassler created the Flavors of Greenbelt Restaurant Week in 2022 to support local restaurants.

Greenbelt PORCH, built around the idea of a neighborhood food drive, is an all-volunteer hunger relief program that supplements the St. Hugh of Grenoble Church’s Food Pantry. Each participating neighborhood and GHI court has a coordinator. PAL – PORCH At Large – was

a youth sports coach and event organizer. What’s listed here probably misses some of his contributions to Greenbelt.

At the reception for Goldberg-Strassler and past Outstanding Citizens held in the municipal building after the award ceremony, Councilmember Kristen Weaver said, “Among your many skills you create great acronyms.”

Sponsors, Supporters

The Outstanding Citizens are supported by the primary sponsor, the Rotary Club of Greenbelt and co-sponsors Fieldstone Properties (Franklin Park’s owner), CHEARS, The Space Free Art for All, Greenbelt Exxon, Greenway Liquors and Sunrise Caribbean Restaurant.

Goldberg-Strassler received a gift basket including gift certificates from Generous Joe’s, Greenbelt Barber and Stylist, Jersey Mike’s Subs, New Deal Café, Silver Diner, Three Brothers Restaurant and Wood’s Flowers and Gifts. Greenbelt Nursery School contributed one of its official Greenbelt Is Great T-shirts and Greenway Liquors donated two bottles of wine. Zugby said, “We thank these local merchants and urge all to join us in giving them our support.”

Everyone is encouraged to nominate someone whose volunteer efforts have benefitted Greenbelt. If you have nominated someone in the past who has not won, nominate them again. Many Outstanding Citizens were nominated several times before earning the acclaim of the award.

Michael Hartman contributed to the preparation of this article.

City Workers Carry Out A Labor of Honor, Reverence

by Mark Hanyok



Public Works crew at their labors

Many are the traditions we participate in as Greenbelters: Labor Day, July 4th, Holiday Tree Lighting, among many.

But, there is another tradition that takes place on Ivy Lane at the Greenbelt Cemetery.

On a recent misty dawn, the City of Greenbelt Street Maintenance Crew, Frank Kellaher, Joe Mulhare and four team members gathered. Their charge: to prepare the burial site of life-long Greenbelt Henry Haslinger. The backhoe was warmed up and at the ready; its long arm and massive maw of a bucket carefully ate into the clay-dense earth. There were also hand tools: transfer shovels, a steel-rod poker, a tape measure – all at the ready and in use. Massive, gleaming dump trucks were staged for their part in this most noble activity.

As the excavation progressed, the team members were constantly checking and re-checking the width and depth of the site.

Team Lead Kellaher, a 38-year Public Works veteran, ran the backhoe, calling out instructions and receiving feedback from the team.

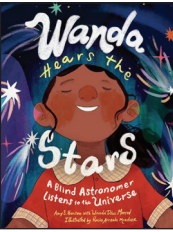
A nearby neighbor’s grave marker was briefly moved so as

to avoid any damage. Deep inside the dig, ancient, blackened oak slabs, from some long-ago purpose, have rotted their way into nature. A peaceful scene, a quiet reverence to the task at hand.

All that was left was the gathering: family, longtime friends and Father Walter Tappe of St. Hugh’s to render the blessing. A visit to Henry’s grave, just a few days later, presented a slight mound of earth, blanketed in straw and bathed in a gentle rain. The Streets Crew rose above and beyond all expectations. Now at rest: Good Night, Mr. Haslinger.

Amy S. Hansen's Latest Book is now on sale!

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Greenbelt Cinema

129 Centerway, Greenbelt

amys Hansen.com

Lindsey Hutchinson Wins Boxwood Scholarship; Heads to Delaware

by Janet Mirsky

Lindsey Hutchinson, of Rosewood Drive, was selected as the 2025 Boxwood Village Civic Association Scholarship recipient. Hutchinson is a May 2025 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She is currently a first-year student at Delaware State University in Dover, Del.

The Boxwood Village Scholarship Committee members were greatly impressed by Hutchinson’s strong academic credentials, extracurricular activities and active volunteer record with Greenbelt organizations. She plans to study to be a veterinarian, as she

loves animals. She was awarded \$500 by Boxwood Village.

Candidate Forum To Be Held October 9

Save the date for a city council candidate forum ahead of this year’s city election.

In conjunction with GATe, the News Review will host a candidate forum on the evening of Thursday, October 9 at the Firehouse.

CALL for POETS and VISUAL ARTISTS: Ekphrastic Fantastic Art Show

FONDCA (Friends of New Deal Café Arts) is seeking submissions for the show Ekphrastic Fantastic, which is scheduled to be displayed from November 2, 2025, to January 4, 2026, at New Deal Café!

Have you written a poem that lends itself to interpretation in a painting or drawing? Have you created a painting or drawing that would inspire a poet to write a companion piece? This might be the show for you!

We are seeking 15 artists and 15 poets to create pieces for this show.

Here’s how it works: poets and artists interested in participating submit a poem or a drawing or painting. We’ll select 15 poems and 15 paintings or drawings from the submissions. Each poem will be assigned to a visual artist and each piece of visual art will be assigned to a poet for creation of a new piece in response. Identities of the poets and artists will be secret until the show is hung.

Please send submissions to julieawinters@verizon.net by Sunday, September 21. Poems should be sent as Word documents or Google documents if possible. For visual art, please send a good-quality photograph of the piece, along with title, dimensions, and description (mixed media, watercolor, pencil, etc.). Participants will receive confirmation of selection and assignment of pieces for creation of response art/poetry by September 30; the deadline for the new pieces is October 30.

PUBLIC POLICY VOLUNTEERS



The University of Maryland's Legacy Leadership Institute on Public Policy, in partnership with the State of Maryland, is looking for volunteers age 50+ to serve as volunteer legislative leaders during the 2025-2026 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly.

The twelve-week classroom training (two days per week) begins on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, and ends on Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

Classes will be held at the University of Maryland Extension, 8930 Stanford Blvd, Suite 25, Columbia, Md., 21045. The volunteer assignment will be in the legislative offices of members of the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis.

Participants will serve a minimum of two (2) days per week starting Wednesday, January 14, 2026, and ending Monday, April 13, 2026.

For more information or for an application, contact Wesley Queen at wqueen@umd.edu.

Festival Gives Community Chance To Show Support for the News Review

by News Review Board of Directors

The News Review board and members were delighted to meet with so many supporters during Information Day at the Labor Day Festival. People stopping by our booth expressed their appreciation for the paper, their source of information for all things Greenbelt: upcoming events, council news, development plans and protests.

Their most common question was, “How can I make a donation?”

Information Day is strictly informative, with no monetary transactions, but we told people about the many ways to give. Many took advantage of the drop box in the Co-op Supermarket (near the front window, above the hand baskets at the parking lot door) and the mail slots in our office doors in the Community Center. Many visited our website at greenbeltnewsreview.com, where you can click on Help Us on the home page and Contribute on the next page. Filling out the form and making a Zelle contribution can be done entirely online. Zelle allows you to make a contribution annually, quarterly

or monthly. Include a note letting us know if you want to receive a thank you gift and have your name listed as a supporter in our anniversary issue in November.

People loved the samples of the “thank you” gifts, including the car magnets for a \$10 donation, a coffee mug or cotton tote bag for a \$52 donation (equivalent to \$1 a week), or all three for \$120 (all at once or \$10 a month). These gifts will be available for pickup at the News Review office during office hours (Monday and Tuesday, 2 to 4 p.m.) and special weekend hours in September to be determined. Because we are not a 501(c)(3) organization, but a workers cooperative, contributions to us are not tax-deductible.

We’ve produced a weekly paper, free of charge to Greenbelt, every week since November 1937 and with your support we can continue to bring great journalism to Greenbelt. We appreciate your support and look forward to continuing to provide the best news coverage we can to you, our readers.

City Council Provides Public Comment on Closure of BARC

by Julie Rapp

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a memorandum outlining its plans for reorganizing the department on July 24. On August 25 the Greenbelt City Council provided public comment, setting out its concerns about the reorganization, including the closure of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), in a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins. The letter outlines serious risks regarding the USDA reorganization plan’s framework. Council cited past relocations such as the 2019 move of the Economic Research Service and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture that resulted in a 75 percent reduction in employees. Council reminded the Secretary that BARC is not an office building but a world-class agricultural research facility encompassing specialized laboratories, greenhouses, experimental fields and infrastructure developed over decades. Suggesting that research can be easily shifted to new hubs ignores the fact of decades of place-based knowledge, local partnerships and investment.



PHOTO COURTESY MARK SHERMAN

Mark Sherman holds a Save BARC sign at the Parade.

collaborations that depend on geographic proximity, result in significant financial waste replacing BARC infrastructure elsewhere and undermine USDA’s global leadership in agriculture science and innovation. USDA communications to the public refer to five new regional hubs but internal communications suggest that BARC researchers are being reassigned to any of 95 Agricultural Research Service sites nationwide, indicating a lack of clarity and decision-making integrity. Finally, council stated their concern about the lack of legal clarity surrounding the reorganization. Council also noted that the July 24 memorandum does not cite specific statutory authority for the closure. Public Law 100-202 (1987) prohibits the disposal of BARC land without explicit congressional authorization, said council.

The letter concludes by stating that the reorganization plan proposes a fundamental shift in how the department operates, delivers services and supports research and that our community would be directly and negatively impacted by this closure.

Greenbelt Resident Named Oberlin, Ohio, City Manager

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt resident Greg Holcomb has been named the next city manager of Oberlin, Ohio. He was previously the Colmar Manor town administrator here in Prince George’s County.

Holcomb was named city manager at an August 18 Oberlin City Council meeting. The city has been without a manager for over a year and Holcomb’s appointment comes after a months-long search and public candidates’ forums.

Holcomb has lived in Greenbelt for nearly three years. He is a regular at local events, such as the Labor Day Festival, Green Man Festival and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. He may have been seen walking around the University Square Apartments with his dog Copper. He enjoyed attending trivia nights at the New Deal Café and going to the Greenbelt American Legion. Holcomb said that he “will miss how close-knit and welcoming the Greenbelt community is and walking Copper through the pathways in Old Greenbelt. Copper loves to chase the rabbits there.”

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in simple, human ways: walking the trails, sitting by the lake, attending a play, or joining a civic discussion. It also challenges us to contribute. Greenbelt was built as a cooperative community, with an ethic of shared responsibility. That spirit matters now more than ever. If younger residents, especially those just arriving, do not step forward to engage – whether by volunteering, supporting local groups or attending council meetings – then the community’s unique fabric could fray. In our 20s, life is about seeking experiences and meaning. But true richness comes not only from what we receive, but from what we give.

For me, moving to Greenbelt has been a reminder that joy and purpose are not separate from civic life. At high noon, the light is brightest. I want to use this light to see clearly where I stand and to help ensure that Greenbelt remains a place where life can be enjoyed to its fullest – for me, and for those who come after.

Juan Ramos

KING LEAR

By William Shakespeare



Scan QR code or visit GreenbeltArtsCenter.org for tickets!

Beginner Scottish Country Dance Class



Wear soft-soled shoes.

September 9-30, 2025
Tuesdays: 7:30 – 9:15 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Dance Studio
15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD

\$30 for 4 weeks.
No partner required.

Email: greenbelt-scd@rscds-greaterdc.org
Website: rscds-greaterdc.org/

FINAL WEEKEND!

Friday & Saturday, September 5-6 8pm

Sunday, September 7 2pm
(Facemasks required)

All performances feature open captions!



GREENBELT ARTS CENTER

Candidates Sought For Co-op Board

Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC) is seeking candidates willing to run for election to its board of directors. The Co-op will conduct the election at its annual meeting on Saturday, October 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Center gym. Three board members will be elected to serve three-year terms. Incumbents Amy Drew, Kim Kash and Renee Harris are running for re-election. Members interested in serving as directors can pick up nomination forms at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy customer service office.

To be considered, a member must: (1) have a minimum of \$100 in their member capital account and (2) submit both a brief biography and a completed nomination form which includes five signatures from other voting-eligible members by Tuesday, September 30. Return the completed form with bio to the customer service office or email it to board@greenbelt.coop. GCC does not accept nominations at the annual meeting.

Crisis Hotline’s Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is 988. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.

NEW LISTINGS!

45N Ridge Road – NEW PRICE



2 BD | 2 BA \$360,000

This roomy 2-bedroom brick Greenbelt co-op townhome has been expanded to create a space that could be used as a third bedroom, or a great home office or family room, with a second full bath.

2B Ridge Road



2 BD | 2 BA \$410,000

The charming brick end unit townhome is the kind of home that savvy Greenbelt co-op shoppers can wait literally years for. This gem of a home is one half of a duplex, with a garage on the other end of the row that conveys with the sale.

58C Ridge Road



2 BD | 2 BA \$290,000

This charmer has a very smart addition that includes a second full bath. Plus, a kitchen bump-out brings in more light and extra workspace, and other fun architectural details add flair and practicality to this co-op townhome.

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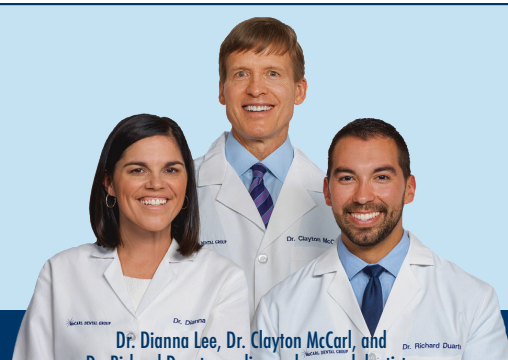
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Self-renewing Prophecy
Over the years since its founding, the market has continued to thrive. Its founders have successfully passed the torch and the volunteer management team has evolved healthily over time – not dependent on the dogged support of one or two aging boosters, but recruiting generations of volunteers that self-replicate in the darkness of winter. Though none of the original members remain on the board, most remain local and are to be seen buying their veggies there every week.

Effective Management
The on-site management of the market has also evolved. Originally, the board members took turns as market manager but that proved unsustainable with the other duties as assigned, and the market is on its third successive and equally capable individual who has taken on this contract position, funded by vendor fees. A board member remains on call for each market if required. Market vendors have said that one of their reasons for continued attendance is how well it's run – standards remain high and discipline and orderliness prevail.

Though vendors do come and go, many come and stay for many years. Of over 30 vendors this year, some weekly and some alternating, more than a third have participated for almost the entire time.

Continued in-kind support from the city is also key. City public works staff reliably set up parking barrels and ensure sufficient trash receptacles and the Greenbelt Police Department maintains ongoing awareness and is prompt to respond to concerns.

A European Tradition
In visiting European cities, towns and villages, one becomes aware of each having its unique marketplace. They are usually located in the center of town, next to the main church and public buildings – with each town having its market day or days and selling the full gamut of fruit, vegetables, meats, fish and dairy products. Today's European outdoor markets still thrive and often involve large trailers with open sides that drop down revealing the treasures within. With refrigeration and running water, they are essentially portable stores. Europe's indoor markets offer the same artfully arranged and



PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

Farmers Market shoppers know their nectarines!

colorful displays, but may be located in fascinating historic buildings. For example, Barcelona's covered central market was designed by architect Antoni Gaudi and is a soaring and fanciful interior space.

Prosaic Greenbelt
No architectural marvel, Greenbelt's market is here today and gone tomorrow in an unromantic parking lot near you. Its tents are modular 10' squares, singly or up to three or four connected and held down by 24 pound weights at each corner to meet county specifications for safety in high winds. Vehicles are parked unromantically behind the tents. The food is arranged attractively but hardly gives the same sense of a bountiful cornucopia, like you might see in Paris or Lisbon. But there's still that essential free-flowing feel of openness and freshness. The vendors, returning year after year, are almost honorary Greenbelters (and some are actually Greenbelters) – and with ukelele bands and local entertainers with guitars and song, it's vibrant and down-home entertainment.

Friends and Family
One aspect of the market that does rival those of Europe, is that, like the agora of an ancient city, it is a place where people gather and encounter old friends and meet new people.

Even though the weather has lost the sparkle of spring, the market is the place to be on a Sunday morning. Buy lunch and sit on the grassy slope between it and the Community Center or pick up fresh bread and a cauliflower. It's arguably Greenbelt's freshest and most vibrant institution.

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security measures." "NASA develops and operates advanced air and space technologies, like satellite, communications and propulsion systems, that are critical for U.S. national security," it states. The latest move comes as the Trump administration seeks to make deep cuts to NASA, particularly the science budget, which is the primary funding source for

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the city's revenue opportunities, including looking into ways to fully cover waste collection and refuse costs; and the possible creation of a city circulator bus service with an established route (to ride the existing Greenbelt Connection bus one must call in advance to arrange for pickup).

Both letters are currently being further developed by staff for later presentation to council.

It was noted by all that the potential redevelopment of Beltway Plaza, with its addition of housing units and recreation space, will possibly require an increase in police and recreation staff.

Salmerón stated that work needs to be done to bring in more business and industry to the city. Investment in incubators and office parks was suggested.

Advisory Boards
There was a lengthy discussion on the city's advisory boards and committees, specifically around appointments, reappointments and attendance. This was a follow-up to the meeting on June 9 when feedback from these groups was gathered in an effort to increase the efficiency of these entities. Councilmember Danielle McKinney offered a comprehensive summation of the ideas and recommendations examined at this meeting.

Concerning eligibility and terms of service, it was posited that board members submit a new statement of intent when their

term of service has come to an end, and that board and committee chairs be given the chance to weigh in on a reappointment to ensure that the member has performed their duties responsibly.

A possible central tracking system for attendance was put forth. Attendance in general was an important topic, as it is essential to the proper workings of these boards. It was acknowledged that there were instances where lack of attendance should be excused due to unexpected life situations.

The application process was examined, with some of the major recommendations being greater detail requested on the forms; the creation of a more efficient and clear process on application submission and review by staff and council; and, the important and encouraged step of an applicant attending a board meeting prior to the council interview.

With regard to reappointments, some of the recommendations were a 60-day prior notice by the city clerk to board members nearing the end of their term and a review by board chairs of reappointments 30 days before the end of term.

Some refinements to the application form and interview questions sought to gather deeper insight into an applicant's intent, relevant experience and their thoughts on how a board could better serve the city.

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not finished. A union is not a contract, it's not a certificate of recognition, it's not a nonprofit. A union is a collective organization of workers – it's us, and we are still here." The union is now trying to determine how to operate while the EO is fought. Anticipating that the automatic payroll deduction of dues will be stopped, GESTA is calling on members to sign up and pay dues using an online platform operating outside the payroll system and to maintain communication and continue receiving union news by providing personal email addresses in addition to their government ones.

One civil servant at GSFC, whose name we are withholding, told the News Review that actions behind closed doors at Goddard are "mostly legal but heartless," while others fall in a gray area and some appear outright illegal. "We're not legal experts," he said of the engineers and scientists he works with, saying that's one of the difficulties they face in considering whistleblowing. He believes some recent actions are illegal, saying they are "crammed down the throats of our chain of command," and describes some recent actions as "very shady but very hard to report." "They've done away with written orders," he says of NASA's administration.

Even without a recognized collective bargaining agreement, GESTA says they can continue to be a union, and they plan to continue to support and advise employees, including with filing various claims, requests and grievances; fighting discrimination and defending workers; objecting to management mistakes; and agitating for change. "We are strong, we are many and we can still organize," they assured members in Thursday's email.

GESTA staffed a Save NASA booth at Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival Information Day on Saturday, asking everyone to help advocate for NASA's future.



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Incident Summary
Greenbelt Police reported one incident involving Child Protective Services and seven domestic incidents, one with a mental health diversion and two with arrests, one involving a weapon.
On August 27 near 9120 Edmonston Court, a young child fell from a third-story window and was injured; detectives determined it was an accident.
On August 25 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, officers checked on a man likely under the influence of an unknown substance; he was given a ride to a local address.

Assault
On August 28 at 10:33 a.m. near Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road, a boy was assaulted at the bus stop on Hanover Parkway.
On August 30 at 6:58 p.m. near 7573 Greenbelt Road, a theft occurred and when a store employee confronted the suspects, they assaulted him.

Harassment
On August 26 at 1:17 p.m. near 9230 Springhill Lane, a man was harassing employees of Franklin Park apartments. Upon the police making contact with the subject he fled but was quickly apprehended by officers.

DUI Arrest
On August 31 at 5:59 p.m. near 5833 Cherrywood Terrace, a man was found behind the wheel of a running vehicle illegally parked in the middle of the street. After sobriety testing, he was arrested for DUI.

Burglary
On August 29 at 10:19 a.m. near 6942 Hanover Parkway, a woman purchased a dog and the individual from whom she bought the dog entered her house without her consent and stole the dog.

Theft and Shoplifting
On August 26 at 8:57 a.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a man stole several items and fled on a bicycle.
On August 28 at 10:27 a.m. near 6411 Ivy Lane, an employee's wallet was stolen from a desk.
On August 28 at 8:43 p.m. near 6120 Breezewood Drive, a man received confirmation that his order was delivered by Uber, but it was never delivered.

On August 29 at 4:16 p.m. near 7501 Greenway Center Drive, an employee's purse was stolen from a break room.
On August 29 at 3:51 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a known shoplifter concealed items on his person and in a bag, then

fled through an emergency exit as police arrived.
On August 30 at 12:41 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a man stole groceries.

Trespassing Arrest
On August 29 at 7:27 a.m. near 7900 Good Luck Road, a woman remained on the property after having been asked to leave by the employee multiple times. She refused to identify herself to officers and was charged with trespassing.

Vandalism
On August 27 at 6:21 a.m. near 7900 Good Luck Road, a man sitting in the rear of the store became disorderly and began destroying items.
On August 29 at 10:49 p.m. near 18 Lakeside Drive, a person heard a crash from outside, and found the front window was damaged.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles
Five vehicles were stolen: on August 25 near 9340 Edmonston Road, a 2015 gray Hyundai Sonata (Md. 1CL4236); near 6522 Lake Park Drive, a 2021 Honda Odyssey (Md 6GM6807); and near 6233 Springhill Drive, a 2020 gray Kia Sportage (Md. 3GL9342); and on August 27 near 9123 Springhill Lane, a 2017 Hyundai Elantra (Md. 6GK1021); and near 6009 Springhill Drive, a silver Honda Accord (Md. Temp. T2396564).

Attempted Stolen Vehicle
On August 28 near 9158 Springhill Court, a 2013 Hyundai Elantra was broken into, with the door handle and ignition damaged.

Recovered Stolen Vehicle
On August 26 near Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway, a Honda Civic was recovered and impounded.

Theft from Auto
The wheels were stolen from a 2025 Honda Civic on August 25 near Mathew Street and Mandan Road; from a vehicle on August 27 near 5917 Cherrywood Lane; and from a Toyota on August 29 near 7823 Mandan Road.

On August 26 near 7823 Mandan Road, a Dodge van had a window broken and a disability placard stolen.

On August 27 near 9104 Edmonston Court, a 2017 Hyundai Elantra was broken into.

On August 27 near 7827 Somerset Court, a Honda Civic had a window down, and a laptop was taken.

Vandalism to Auto
On August 25 near 8005 Mandan Road, the sunroof was damaged on a rental vehicle.

On August 27 near 9104 Edmonston Court, a vehicle door handle was broken.

On August 31 near 7801 Mandan Road, a 2013 Lexus LS had multiple broken windows, but nothing was stolen.

Man Arrested and Charged In Killing of Greenbelt Man

The Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD) has made an arrest and charged a man with the fatal shooting of 33-year-old Greenbelter William Denard Askew in late July. On July 25 at approximately 10:20 p.m., officers responded to a shooting in the 13200 block of Laurel Bowie Road in the unincorporated section of Laurel. They located Askew in the roadway near the shooting scene, suffering from gunshot wounds. He died on the scene (see the August 7 issue).

On Friday, August 29, county police announced the arrest

of 48-year-old James King IV of Laurel, who is charged with Askew's murder.

It is not yet known whether King and Askew knew each other and the motive for the shooting remains under investigation.

King is charged with first- and second-degree murder and related charges. He is in the custody of the Department of Corrections on a no-bond status.

If anyone has information regarding this case, they are asked to call 301-516-2512.

Information for this article came from the PGPD.

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It was noted that vacancies on boards can be infrequent, often resulting in applicants having to wait months, if not years, for an opportunity to serve. Salmerón offered the idea of a 60-day update to applicants.

All stated that there needs to be greater transparency concerning the application process and expectations for service on these boards in order to increase recruitment. The recommendations discussed will be brought before council in a future meeting for possible codification.

Tracking Petitions & Requests
Mayor Emmett Jordan felt that it was important that any petitions and requests to the city be properly recorded and tracked as to their status. McKinney said that there is such a record on the city's SharePoint site. Councilmember Kristen Weaver said that there is paid software available that can enhance a city's ability to log and track these queries. Council decided to create a sign-in list for petitions at meetings to more efficiently present them.

Stakeholder Meetings
Jordan stated his desire to better reach out to the city's stakeholders, noting that in some cases, years have transpired between meetings. He was keen on meeting with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and the city's HOAs. He

added that some of these stakeholders do not wish for a face-to-face meeting.

Concerning the disagreement over the meeting with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission at the August 4 meeting (see the August 21 issue), council reiterated its wish to be given advance notice of such requests in order to participate if desired.

Cub Scout Pack 202 Back to Scouting Night

Join Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202 for an exciting Back to Scouting Night. Discover adventure, friendship and fun through Cub Scouts. Open to boys and girls, grades K to 5. This event will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 11 at the Greenbelt Community Church.

Greenbelt Chess Club September Meetings

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Tuesdays, September 9, 16 and 23. The meetings will occur at the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels. To be added to their mailing list, visit tinyurl.com/ycy2nz4m and complete the brief form. Email questions to greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com.



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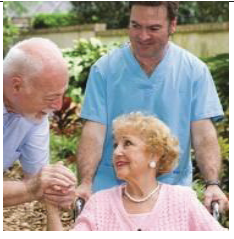
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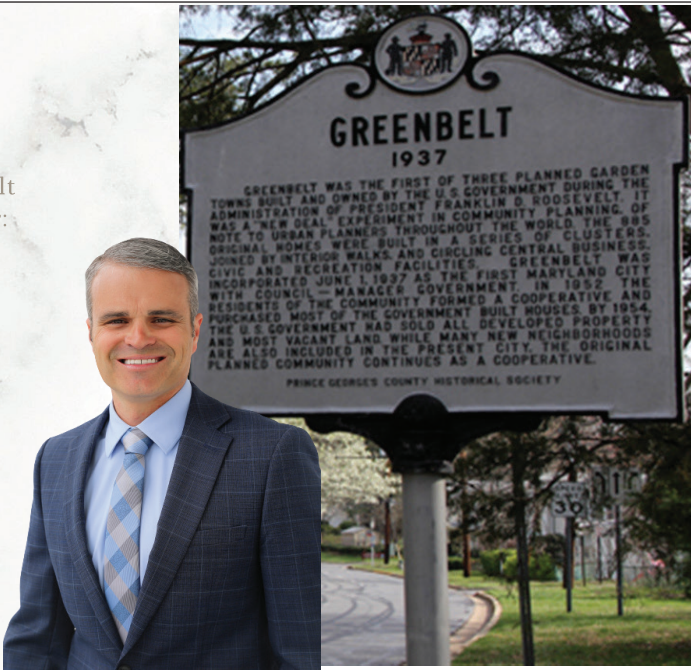
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Sports

The Summer Wanes, the Season Waxes:
A Roosevelt High School Soccer Preview

by Patrick Gleason

As the lighter air of Labor Day weekend hinted at the season to come, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Girls Soccer team completed their annual three and a quarter mile run to Greenbelt Lake and back in preparation for their season opener on Monday, September 8. After a robust scrimmage schedule including contests with Albert Einstein, River Hill, Montgomery Blair and Sherwood high schools, they now prepare for a regular season that commences with oomph. The Raiders will travel to Bowie at 3:30 p.m. on September 8 and then visit Elizabeth Seton on Thursday, September 11, while the junior varsity will also add an opening week finale by hosting Baltimore Polytechnic on Friday, September 12 at 4:30 p.m.

The varsity squad returns four-year varsity players Autumn Freeman, Sofia Zuniga, Claudia van der Have and Esther Obisesan, while they will also look to newcomers to build on last season's county and region championship success. Van der Have will head the Roosevelt offense, which will be orchestrated by junior Ariana Cruz in the center midfield. Leilah Eggleston, Brishty Gomes and Naomi Petralia will assist Cruz, while sophomores Kyndall Hogans and Morgan Parks add speed on the wings for a Raider attack that graduated its main scorers from a year ago. Freeman



At left: Midfielder Naomi Petralia (in green) pressures her opponents earlier this summer.



At right: Junior Bayleigh Galie takes a throw in during a summer league game in July; Galie will contribute to the ERHS defense this fall.

- Photos by Elvis Ventura

will be the first line of defense, supported by Obisesan and freshman revelation Greta Wedge. Emery Gregory will shift to outside back, along with a combination of Claire Alolga and Bayleigh Galie, to provide an offensive presence out of the back. Rounding out a strong senior class are Addison Green, Zeala Tantoh, Iris Gaycken, Yadira Reyes Carranza and Karina Reyes Carranza. Tantoh will join junior Lien Gareri in goal as the upperclassmen set the example for what could prove to be one of the deepest Roosevelt junior varsity (JV) teams in recent memory.

The JV team will be guided by a strong freshman class and returning leadership. Freshman Mia Moore provided strong attacks in the JV scrimmages while Elisabeth Beckmann and Sofia Holzer will help fortify the Raider midfield as returners from a season ago. Treasure Wogu and Nora Marx will offer other goal scoring options while freshmen Devin Allard and Lana Fahs are key components of the Roosevelt defense. With a 15-member fresh-

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A rider with Platinum City Rollers greets the crowd.

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Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars perform in the Parade.

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Members of the Shay Fierce Dance Academy

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Greenbelt Cinema has a Jaws-themed Parade entry.



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Someone’s good boy! (Or girl!)

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A dancer with the Bolivian-Andean dance group Tinkus Kay’Sur delights the crowd.

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Children from the Nursery School wait their turn to perform for the judges.

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Cub Scout Pack 202

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A member of the ERHS cheerleading team performs a back handspring during the Parade.

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